

City of Seattle Invests in Restrooms, Laundry and Shower Access for People Experiencing Homelessness

Seattle invests in homeless services that help people find and maintain stable housing. An increase in enhanced shelter beds – which provide services – and an investment in drop-in hygiene centers will reduce the burden of going door-to-door to meet basic needs. Seattle supports co-locating these services so that people can focus on their next step – finding a home.

21 of 22 shelter programs include hygiene services in 2018

- Seattle increased its investment in 21/22 shelters that provide hygiene services like showers, restrooms, and laundry as well as other amenities like extended stay hours, storage, and case workers
- These shelters will serve 1,464 people per night in 2018.
- Enhanced shelters provide more of a “one-stop shop” approach to reduce the door-to-door burden for people already in crisis to meet their basic needs like eating breakfast, taking a shower, doing laundry, and sleeping.
- 6 managed encampments provide restrooms for more than 300 people per night, 3 encampments have showers and 3 more will add shower service in the next several months
- 88% of city-funded emergency homeless services provide hygiene services in 2018, an increase of 6% over 2017

Seattle supports standalone restrooms, showers, and laundry

- 11 Day Centers offer hygiene services for drop-in clients in Seattle
 - All populations are served by these day centers. (Youth/Young Adults, Single Males/Females, Couples, Families with Children)
- 3 Urban Rest Stop locations offer hygiene services in Ballard, downtown Seattle and the University District
- 4 Community Centers offer showers and restrooms to people experiencing homelessness (Delridge, Green Lake, Miller, Rainier)
- 7 Community Pools offer showers and restrooms for Seattle Public School children and their families experiencing homelessness
- These 11 Community Centers and Community Pools are located throughout Seattle, in every district

Seattle supports 117 restrooms available to all members of the public

- 5 portable toilets placed near public transportation stops in neighborhoods throughout the city
- 27 public libraries throughout Seattle
- 85 city parks throughout Seattle

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